

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An imaging kiosk, comprising:
a housing comprising:
a continuous curved front surface;
a digital image capture device, disposed in a recess in the front surface, for capturing a digital image of the user;
a display, disposed in the front surface, for displaying the captured digital image;
a single light source providing reflected and diffused lighting and being disposed adjacent the housing such that the digital image capture device is disposed intermediate the display and the light source; and
a reflector for reflecting the light emitted from the light source, the reflector disposed proximate the light source such that the light source is intermediate the digital image capture device and at least a portion of the reflector.
2. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the housing has a width, and the single light source and reflector are disposed across the width of the housing.
3. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the light source provides a minimum of 120 ft-cd.
4. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the light source is spaced at least 8 inches from the digital image capture device.
5. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the recess is comprised of a dark color.

6. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, further comprising a data entry device disposed proximate the front surface of the housing, the data entry device being arranged so as to be intermediate the user and the housing.

7. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 6, wherein the data entry device has an edge disposed opposite the front surface of the housing, and a distance from the digital image capture device to the edge defines a minimum image capture distance.

8. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 7, wherein the minimum image capture distance is 2 feet.

9. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the single light source includes a flash operable during the capture of the digital image.

10. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 9, further comprising a processor and software operating on the processor to control the operation of the flash.

11. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 9, further comprising an auto-thyristor.

12. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 11, wherein the digital image capture device comprises a lens, and the auto-thyristor is disposed proximate the digital image capture device parallel to the lens.

13. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the reflector is comprised of Photoflex.

14. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the front surface comprises a matte finish.
15. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the front surface comprises a neutral or white color.
16. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, wherein the display displays a light or white color substantially simultaneously with the capture of the digital image of the user.
17. The imaging kiosk according to Claim 1, further comprising means for moving the digital image capture device within the recess relative to the housing.